

In the Claims:

All pending claims and their present status are produced below:

1 1-40. (Canceled)

1 41. (Previously Presented) A light filter comprising:

2 a first layer of substantially opaque material including front and back surfaces;

3 a plurality of light transmissive beads disposed in a single-layer array within the

4 first layer of opaque material with first portions of the beads penetrating through the front

5 surface of the first layer of opaque material to form light transmissive apertures and

6 remaining portions of the beads protruding through the back surface of and not disposed

7 within the first layer of substantially opaque material to receive incident light; and

8 a second layer of light-dispersing material having asymmetrical dispersion

9 characteristics along orthogonal axes, the second layer being interposed between incident

10 light and the remaining portion of the beads protruding through the back surface of and

11 not disposed within the first layer of substantially opaque material to disperse light

12 incident on the second layer to enhance light transmission along one of the orthogonal

13 axes relative to light transmission along another of the orthogonal axes, the second layer

14 including within a material for scattering incident light.

1 42. (Currently Amended) The light filter according to claim ~~[[39]]~~41 including a

2 conformal layer of transmissive material affixed to the back surface of the first layer and

3 the remaining portions of the beads to receive incident light.

1 43. (Previously Presented) The light filter according to claim 42 in which the beads

2 have a radius R , and the thickness of the conformal layer is not greater than R .

1 44. (Previously Presented) The light filter according to claim 43 in which the

2 thickness of the conformal layer is about ten percent (10%) of R .

1 45. (Currently Amended) The light filter according to claim ~~[[40]]41~~ further
2 comprising a support layer of transparent material disposed ~~intermediate the beads and~~
3 ~~the second~~ on the front surface of the first layer.

1 46. (Currently Amended) The light filter according to claim ~~[[40]]45~~ further
2 ~~comprising a~~ wherein the support layer of transparent material has asymmetrical
3 dispersion characteristics along orthogonal axes~~disposed relative to the beads and the~~
4 ~~second layer.~~

1 47. (Currently Amended) The light filter according to claim ~~[[40]]41~~ further
2 comprising a thin transparent layer disposed between the first layer and the second layer,
3 the beads penetrating the first layer and the thin transparent layer to form apertures of
4 increased diameter.

1 48. (Canceled)

1 49. (Canceled)